Titusville Amateur Radio Club
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Newsletter of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

SEPTEMBER 2003

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bud Hughes, K4CWG

During the past month we lost Jim Creevay W4UYZ and Carl Christian KF4JI to that ever-growing Silent Key Club. Both Jim and Carl have contributed so much to our club. We extend our condolences to the families and fellow friends of these gentlemen.

Ed Reinert N4TLS a long time member of TARC is confined to a nursing home here in Titusville. Through his daughter-in-law, Ed donated all of his amateur radio equipment to TARC and suggested a club station be set up and put on the air. We are grateful to Ed for his most generous gift.

Bob W4TAT has agreed to manage the club's effort to proceed with the administrative requirements necessary to have the city of Titusville modify antenna/ tower height restrictions to be in compliance with the FCC's mandate. As of now the Titusville antenna height restriction is identical to that of Brevard County prior to the modification of the same as Bob and others fought so hard to achieve. We certainly want to give Bob the support he needs to accomplish this very important code upgrade.

We are having more and more of our club members requesting their email address be removed from the TARC reflector. The biggest reason is that many of us do not want to receive email that is not related to our hobby namely ham radio. It will be appreciated that before sending email through the reflector, please consider whether your email is club related. I want to thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness.

Each year the TARC September club meeting is designated "POT-LUCK". This is when the ladies and gentlemen if so desires bring a covered dish to the meeting. If you have never been to one of our POT LUCK meetings and enjoyed the fellowship and the delicious food, boy are you in for a great treat. The ladies always decide among themselves what each will bring. Should you have any questions just call Stephanie, Pat, Sherry or yours truly and discuss what you would like to bring.

The club meeting is September 23rd. I hope to see you there. Bring a friend. Bud K4CWG

TREASURER REPORT

By Becky Lee KF4HTB

Beginning Bal.	$1,807.27
Deposits	3,328.97
Total Income	$5,136.24
Expenditures	2,040.02
Balance (8/31/03)	$3,096.22

AUGUST MINUTES

By Becky Lee KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies of Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, introduction of members and guests, Bill Eppley, W4SDB played Happy Birthday and several other selections on his harmonica.

WY1K Mike Whelpley showed club members some hats with call signs that he can order. He gave price and delivery information.

K4MVO Stephanie Phillips updated members on her latest class.

President Bud Hughes K4CWG talked about the Melbourne Hamfest. It was decided that the club would take a table.

AA4HP Hank Phillips talked about the rained out ball game that club members attended, and said that the rain check was good both Wednesday and Friday.

The program for the evening was the showing of a video tape of the various people who spoke on behalf of Amateur Radio at the last County Board Meeting..

SEPTEMBER BEARS' REPORT

By Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO

Nancy Smith of the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management reminded the BEARS that it is now the peak of the Hurricane Season and we can expect Isabel to be an issue. Evacuation Shelters are listed in the phone book. Those requiring the services of the Special Needs Shelters must be pre-registered.

Nancy thanked all the volunteer emergency communicators for their dedicated service and the many hours of communications support we provide, especially during launches. And a special thanks to Ozzie, N4SCY, for helping out at the Space Coast Stadium during their Hurricane Awareness Night. (*Anything for a free hotdog, ehh Ozzie?*)

Ray Kassis, N4LEM, advised us that there would be a SET coming up soon, the early part of October. If you are interested in playing along or have some ideas for an interesting scenario, please let Ed, KG4KVO, or me know. These training activities can be a lot of fun. For more information about SETs, check out this Web Site: http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html

Please don't forget that there are launch nets on 147.135, 1/2 hour prior to all launches. The LI-SATS members have the K4GCC Repeater, 146.94, back in business. The new location for this repeater is just south of Rockledge and just east of US 1, at about 300 feet.

Ed and I will soon be contacting all you ARES registered operators in the north area of Brevard county to reconfirm your desire to assist during emergencies and disasters, and your interest in participating in the upcoming SET.

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the recent Melbourne Ham Fest. Thanks for stopping by the ARES badging table to say, "Hi!" And a special thanks to all you newly registered volunteers. Ed and I will try to get a copy of the new "TARC Emergency Plans and Procedures" into your hands as soon as possible.

Brevard County ARES/RACES (BEARS) nets on Wednesdays, at 9am and again at 7pm local, on 147.135. Try checking-in using your emergency communications equipment. And don't forget to use the Standard Phonetic Alphabet when giving your call sign. Thank you for your support.

Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO
President, BEARS Inc.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 KF4UDO RANDY DAVIS
09/08 KF4FZB STAN PALMER
09/08 KF4LTY PAT RENNINGER
09/09 KF4QML KEVIN ZIMMERMAN
09/12 K4DII FRED McKENZIE
09/12 KG4AHL JEANNIE WOODRING
09/15 KC4HIQ SHIRLEY SWEATT
09/17 W4RBI GARY JOHNSON
09/24 KE4JBF JOAN HATFIELD
09/24 KF4FNZ RICK WATSON

For Sale:
Icom IC-720A HF Transceiver with manual,
matching Icom SM-5 Desk Microphone,
matching Icom IC-SP3 External Speaker,
12V Car Battery with Trickle Charger,
50 feet of coax and dual band dipole antenna.
All for only $300.

Computer/Office/Operator's Chair, Only $15.
Tony, NH2E, 385-9267.

Wanted: Power supply for HP Deskjet 810C printer.
Please contact Paul Bernhardt WD4EBA @639-4221.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 183
(128 regular; 44 family; 8 honorary; 3 other)

RENEWALS:

W4RBI GARY JOHNSON
WB4ZWI JODI JOHNSON
WD4EBA PAUL BERNHARDT
KG4KBO CONNIE BERNHARDT
W4LAC JASON RUDISILL
K4WPW PAUL WYNN
KE4BBJ CHARLIE PROSSER
KE4BBK ORA PROSSER
WN4YKC DON HATFIELD
KE4JBF JOAN HATFIELD

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ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike Abell W4EPU

THE LAST REUNION – REALLY! (We said that last year. But decided to have one more and spend what little money was left in our treasury…)

Every year, sometime during the month of August, my Arkansas National Guard regiment, the 206th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) Alumni Association have been having a reunion in Little Rock. We served in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska early in WW-II during the time when the Japanese attempted to gain a foothold there. We later served in the European Theater of Operations. This year, due to age related health reasons (We are now all over 80.) we decided to call it quits. A report on the reunion itself will be the subject of another anecdote.

Clara and I were on our way home when crossing the Mississippi river on Interstate 55 into Memphis, Tennessee the first road sign you see is Highway 61 to Vicksburg. Since we weren't in any particular hurry to be anywhere at a certain time, we decided to see where this highway would lead us. We exited onto highway 61 which was a four lane street in Memphis. After traveling about five miles, the street widened into a beautiful four lane divided, super highway. We couldn't imagine what a nice road like this was doing out in the middle of nowhere. After traveling a few miles we started looking at the scenery around us. The land was very flat and was covered by miles and miles of cotton fields. We were still amazed at this big highway we had stumbled onto. Then we started to see billboards: "Vince Gill appearing at Harrah's"; "Kenny Rogers at The Gold Strike", Englebert Humperdink at Ballys" and on and on. Is this a dream? How did we get to Las Vegas?

About thirty miles out of Memphis, near Tunica, Mississippi, we came upon a stoplight and a road sign that said "Casino Row Avenue". Well, since we were already this far, might as well go the whole way. Turning on Casino Row, we again traveled a four lane highway, right out through the cotton fields to the Mississippi River Levee. After crossing the levee we drove another mile or so to the river. All of a sudden there were casino's everywhere, Harrah's, Hollywood, Bally's, Grand, Gold Strike, Fitzgerald's, Horseshoe, Sheraton, Sam's Town and of course, each casino had a hotel attached. It was like being a hungry man at a smorgasbord.

It was a good thing we weren't expected to be at a certain place, at a certain time because we checked into Sam's Town and had a wonderful and profitable three days. 73s es 88s

TARC NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

This will be my last newsletter. Since this position requires more then I'm willing to give, I feel it's in the club's best interest for me to step down. 73s
Cori Summersett/KE4WQD

CLUB OFFICERS

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Bud Hughes K4CWG 269-0779
Vice President:
Ozzie Osband N4SCY 3-2-1 LIFT-OFF [321-543-8633]
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Becky Lee KF4HTB 267-9375

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Pike Abell W4EPU 269-4208
Ed Summersett WA3FKC 269-5890
Hank Phillips AA4HP 264-2492
Ralph Hall AE4LE 267-9418

CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM at the Jaycee Building , 405 N. Singleton Ave.

Next Meeting Date: 23 Sept.

Nets:

Red Eye– Sundays 6 AM – 7 AM on 7.228 MHz

Traders – Mondays at 10 AM on 146.91

Friendship – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on 146.91

Mosquito-Wednesdays at 7 PM on 28.333

VIP – Thursdays at 10 AM on 146.91

REPEATER CUSTODIAN BOARD

Les Griner K4SJC (146.91) 267-1565
Warren Murray W4CEL (146.97) 638-5476
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Ozzie Osband N4SCY (Packet-Rose Node 145.09) 794-0215
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